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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Automatic Data Processing Staff
FROM : Chief, Intelligence Division, ADPS
SUBJECT : Large-Scale Scientific Computer for CIA

1. Scientific computing support needs exist in all four Deputy Directorates of the Agency. The larger needs, as presently defined, exist in the DD/I and in the DD/R. The urgency of the DD/R requirement, in terms of time, is most critical.

2. In view of the applications already identified within the Agency and in view of the certainty that the Agency's need for scientific computing support will increase, it is recommended that a large-scale scientific computer be acquired now by CIA. Specifically, the IBM 7090 computer is recommended as the proper machine to fit the Agency's scientific computing needs.

3. Attachment I is a memorandum (not yet released) from the DD/S to the Comptroller. It (1) lists CIA's present needs for scientific computing support, (2) outlines urgent next steps for acquisition and installation of the machine by July 1963, (3) specifies the space, budgetary, and personnel resources required, and (4) requests the necessary FY 64 funds and ceiling authorizations.

4. Attachment II presents reasons for the selection of the IBM 7090.

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